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cancer

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This is now a [general term](#) for more than 100 [diseases](#) that are characterised by uncontrolled, [abnormal growth](#) of [cells](#). [Cancer cells](#) can [spread](#) locally or [through](#) the [bloodstream](#) and [lymphatic system](#) to other [parts](#) of the [body](#).

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carcinoma

<oncology> A malignant new growth that arises from epithelium, found in skin or, more commonly, the lining of body organs, for example: breast, prostate, lung, stomach or bowel. Carcinomas tend to infiltrate into adjacent tissue and spread (metastasize) to distant organs, for example: to bone, liver, lung or the brain.

Origin: Gr. Karkinoma from karkinos = crab, cancer

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